

REMARKS

The Examiner's acceptance of our filed Terminal Disclaimer is noted.

The Examiner has objected to the specification as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the term "first orifice" presented in claim 17 and 23. Applicant has amended the specification to reference orifice 16 as the first orifice and orifice 17 as the second orifice. Applicant has also amended claims 17 and 23 to delete any recitation of the first orifice.

The Examiner has rejected claims 17-32 as being incomplete for failing to recite the step of providing a wafer having a front a rear side. Applicant has amended the independent claims to recite this step.

The Examiner has also rejected claims 17-32 as being indefinite with respect to the recitation of cavities having inclined sidewalls and a tapered cross sectioned. Applicant has amended the claims in a manner believed to overcome this rejection.

The Examiner also objected to applicants use of the term "predetermined" in claim 32. While applicant disagrees with the Examiner's position, to advance prosecution of this application, applicant has amended claim 32 to delete the term "predetermined".

The Examiner has rejected claim 32 and, in particular step (a), as being unclear with respect to the recited etching. Applicant has amended step a in a manner which is believed to overcome this rejection.

Applicant has amended the preamble of claim 24 to change the previously recited "portion of a mold" to a "tool insert for use as a component of a mold". This change makes the recitations of the preamble more consistent with the terminology used in the specification.

It is believed that the present application is now in condition for allowance and the same is respectfully solicited. If, however, the Examiner believes there are still unresolved issues,

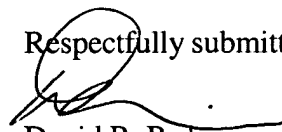
applicant requests that the Examiner telephone applicant's attorney at his number noted below so that these issues can be discussed and resolved.

Correspondence and Fees

No fees are believed to be necessitated by the instant response. However, should this be in error, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account no. 03-3839 for any underpayment, or to credit any overpayments.

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